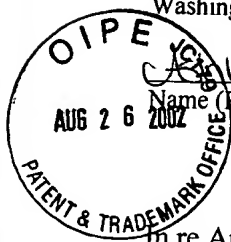


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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 26, 2002

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2002 for two months from June 25, 2002 to August 26, 2002 (August 25, 2002 was a Sunday).

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